

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination on the merits of the application. This Amendment presents new claims directed to a method of transmitting ions between a pair of mass spectroscopy devices in accordance with the present invention.

The Amendment to the Specification corrects an informality noted by the Examiner in the parent application. The formal drawings filed herewith include the correction made by the Applicant in an Amendment dated March 31, 2003 in the prosecution of the parent application.

Accordingly, this case is believed to be in all respects in condition for examination on the merits, and such examination and favorable consideration are respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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